

## House Resolution 201

By: Representative Horne of the 71<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Cora Charles; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Cora Charles was the youngest African American to receive a Master's of  
3 Education from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, in 1967; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles began her 40 year tenure in the Atlanta Public School System as  
5 a business education instructor at Joseph Emerson Brown High School in 1968, and in 1971  
6 she was promoted to the position of Vocational Office Training Coordinator at Charles  
7 Lincoln Harper High School; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1980, Dr. Charles coordinated the Financial Services Magnet Program, a  
9 collaboration between the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, eight major banks in Atlanta,  
10 Atlanta University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University, and her  
11 efforts led to 98 percent of participants continuing on to study at higher education institutions  
12 in areas such as finance, corporate law, business administration, and other important business  
13 fields; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles's commitment to the youth of Georgia has fostered students'  
15 self-discovery and self-confidence and given students the opportunity to see the importance  
16 of education and challenging oneself; and

17 WHEREAS, this great Georgian has never wavered in her encouragement of students  
18 through her service with important organizations, including The Superintendent's Task Force  
19 for Teachers, Leaders & Parents, Talent Centers in Atlanta Public Schools, and Florida  
20 A&M's School of Business as a liaison for awarding scholarships to deserving seniors in 22  
21 high schools in Atlanta; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dr. Charles has worked to promote open and positive  
23 communication among Atlanta Public Schools board members, the central office staff,  
24 parents, and community members; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles's years of dedication and commitment to the betterment of the youth  
26 of Georgia and her selfless contributions serve as an example to all educators.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body hereby recognize and commend Dr. Cora Charles and express their  
29 gratitude for the great credit this fine educator reflects upon the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Cora Charles.